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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Michio SEKI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2154  
Application No.: 10/602,678 ) Examiner: Dustin Nguyen  
Filed: June 25, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 1969  
For: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS, )  
NETWORK SYSTEM, RELAY )  
APPARATUS, AND STATUS )  
CONTROL METHOD )

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed July 11, 2008, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants file concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amend this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendments section of this paper.